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OSTEND AND LILLE GERMAN ARMY IN

BILLION MARK IS PASSED IN NEW YORK LOAN DRIVE: \$3,600,000,000 IN NATION

Metropolitan Life Leads With AMERICANS DRIVE Buys \$24,000,000.

WILL NOT EXTEND TIME.

Secretary McAdoo Hopeful That Country Will Pass Quota by Saturday Night.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.-There will be no extension of the Liberty Loan subscription period past Saturday night, Secretary McAdoo stated emphatically to-

The status of the Fourth Loan namnaign. McAdon said, is much more encouraging than the figures indicate.

000,000," the Secretary declared emphatically. "We will get it by Saturday night."

Two and one-half days more.

New York passed the \$1,000,000,000 mark in the Fourth Liberty Loan at I o'clock this afternoon. Two huge subscriptions did the trick-\$25,000. 000 from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, bringing the concern's total to \$60,000,000, and \$24,-000,000 from the New York Life Insurance Company, whose total is \$50,-600,000. The total for the New York Federal Reserve District is now \$1,010,373,050.

A \$3,000,000 subscription by the City of New York and a \$2,000,000 Company helped swell the receipts.

From Washington came reports showing that the whole country has subscribed \$3,600,000,000 and must raine \$2,400,000,000 in the next two days. New York in the same period must raise nearly \$800,000,000.

The Liberty Loan campaign has been released from all lighting restrictions, Fuel Administrator Garfield announced to-day.

The Treasury Department at Washington predicts that as a popular loan the Fourth will break the record of the Third, and that the number of a

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TWO AMERICANS KILLED IN SHELLING OF DUNKIRK

Allied Advance in Belgium to Put Quick End to Bornbardments.

PARIS, Oct. 17 .- Two Americans were killed, one man was wounded and marerlal damage was caused in the Coman bombardment of Bunkirk yesterstay with a long range gun. A semi official

note issued here to-day saya; The advance of the Allied armies in Belgium will cause this bombardment to one of the last from which Dunkirk

AHEAD BOTH SIDES

Capture Summit of Bois de la Grand Montagne After

Taking Grand Pre.

OF MEUSE RIVER

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, Wednesday, Oct. 16. Night (Associated Press).--In its successful advance north of the Argonne Forest to-day the American First Army reached Champigneulle, one mile north of St. Juvin. A little further east toward the Meuse they gained possession of the Cote-de-Chatillon,

East of the Meuse the Americans moved forward in the Bois de l Grand Montague, the summit of which they now hold.

After having captured Grand Pre, the Americans advanced their lines to the eastward and ocupied Moulinto the eastward and occupied Moulin les-Pas. They surged forward until they had taken control of Loges Wood, one and a half miles north of

(Special despatches from France say the 42d Rainbow Division, in which the 165th Infantry [old 69th New York] is a member, played a most important part in the Grand Pre battle.)

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, Oct. 17 (Associated Press).-The capture of subscription by the National City Grand Pre by Gen. Pershing's forces dicated was contained in a despatch was accomplished under terrific hardships and with a heroism not hinted at in the brief official announcement of the taking of this stronghold of the that yesterday's rumors were prema-Germans north of the Argonne Forest.

> attacking without artillery prepara-(Continued on Fifth Page.)

GARFIELD LIFTS BAN ON SUNDAY AUTOMOBILES

on the use of automobiles on Sunday be substituted for his insane and diswas unconditionally lifted to-day, ef- astrous rule that matters. fective immediately.

Fuel Administrator Garfield said be admitted to a share in the conhat no restrictions will be placed on trol of matters pertaining to the war, fraud in Congressional elections a fedthe use of automobiles unless gaso- is a subject of utmost importance, eral offense line stocks again become dangerously By this alteration the Emperor would low. He added that priority orders will be issued for oversens gasoline "means broadly that the Kaiser has shipments.

r sites, the Food Administration cald is lost." through the leval response of the public 1,000,000 barrels of masoline was saved worthy information to the effect that abouts. for military forces.

makes strength to ward off grip and pneumonia. Ne alcohol.—Advi.

INDEPENDENCE FROM AUSTRIA IS DECLARED BY HUNGARY. WITH ONLY "PERSONAL UNION"

Report Indicates That Proclamation of Parliament Still Recognizes Emperor Carl as King or Hungary.

ONDON, Oct. 17 .- The Hungarian Parliament has issued a proclamation declaring Hungary an independent State, with only a "personal union" with Austria, according to a Central News despatch from Copenhagen to-day, quoting a Berlin despatch. By a "personal union" is probably meant retention of Emperor

Karl as King of Hungary. WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 .- Emperor Carl of Austria is about to grant autonomies and a new system of government, according to State Department information this afternoon from Berne, which said Austria is facing a decisive political crisis.

The report said that the Emperor would issue a manifesto at a meeting of the Austro-Hungarian delegates. At the same time a message quoting the Frankfurter Zeitung said a general strike was spreading in Bonemia.

Other information was that the eighty Pole delegates in the Austrian Reichsrath have voted to sit no longer in that body.

dicated—Burian Optimistic on Peace.

LONDON, Oct. 17.-Rumors relative to the course Germany may take toward replying to the note from President Wilson form the main feature of this morning's papers. Some are convinced that Germany's unconditional surrender is coming.

A despatch from Amsterdam says official denial that the Kaiser has abreceived there from Berlin.

Although the statement issued the Foreign Office last night shows ture, extraordinary reports concern-The Americans took the town pri- ing internal conditions in Germany marlly by outwitting the enemy-by are printed. Some newspapers take it for granted that Emperor William will abdicate. The Express says that for some time he has been sending his

aluables to Holland. Some editorials express the view that the disappearance of the Em-

peror is immaterial. 'He is a mere symbol and a figure head of what we pledged to destroy, WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.-The ban says the Telegraph. "It is what will

"Alteration of the German Constitution, by which civilian power would cease to be the supreme war lord." "This step," says the Daily News,

The Express claims 40 have trust-

Germany's surrender is imminent. BURIAN REPORTED OPTIMISTIC DIRING CONVALENCE FROM ON PEACE PROSPECTS.

A despatch from Vienna says that

Baron Burian, Austro - Hungarian Foreign Minister, spoke in optimisti manner of the prospects for an early ceace in addressing the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Austrian Dele gations at its meeting Wednesday.

said the Foreign Minister, "for if the contents of President Wilson's reply are studied there is nothing to be found to frustrate such a hope or even to delay its realization considerably. "The political point in President Berlin Denies Emperor Has Ab- Wilson's reply is settled, as Germany's reply will undoubtedly establish, by the modifications which are

> being made in the Constitution. "We can be fully convinced that Germany will be in a position to ac cept the President's demands regard ing the humanization of the war. do not believe that, in his demand generally, he goes beyond what Ger many intends, especially as regard the moment the war may be consid ered to be terminated.

"It is clearly understood that Go many will insist that no conditions b imposed during the preliminary phase of the negotiations which are incompatible with her dignity.

All the papers got out extras last night on the reported abdication of the Kalser and the surrender of Germany.

The fact that the meeting of the Reichstag, scheduled for to-day, was postponed, coupfed with the menacing advance of the Allied troops in Flanders, has created a general disposition here to believe that Germany would accept President Wilson's terms.

There was an air of great expec-(Continued on Fifth Page.)

WILSON SIGNS FRAUD BILL

orruption in Congressional Cle tions Now Federal Offense. WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.-Preside: Wilson to-day signed the bill making

Oplum Missing From Treasury Store

WASHINGTON, Oct. valued at \$10,000, representing selesurrendered to Fresident Wilson and ures of the Government narcotic staff In announcing the withdraws of the is equivalent to an admission that all for a month, is missing from the to-day that Secret Service agents have vainly sought clues to its where-

ALL FOE LINE CRUMBLING: BELGIANS GAIN 9 MILES

Seventeen Divisions in Retreat Before Allied Assaults—Courtrai Falls and Thielt Is Penetrated.

Gen. von Arnim's Whole Army of Germans Evacuate Ostend Before British Naval Forces Enter-King Albert's Troops Moving Rapidly on North Coast.

LONDON, Oct. 17, 4.22 P. M. (United Press).-British naval forces have occupied Ostend, it was officially announced by the Royal Air Force this afternoon. Aviators reported Ostend clear of the enemy this morning, and Vice Admiral Keyes, commander of the British Channel Fleet, landed in the former German submarine base at 12.55 P. M.

Zeebrugge is also believed to have been practically evacuated, according to information received here this afternoon. Zeebrugge was formerly the companion German submarine base to Ostend and is 15 miles east of the latter.

The Belgians, under command of King Albert, are marching on Ostend, according to battle front despatches received here to-day.

The city of Lille has been captured by the British.

PARIS, Oct. 17 (Associated Press).—The whole of the German Army of Gen. von Arnim is in retreat from the North Sea to the region of Lille, having been beaten back and overthrown by the Allied attacks to-day.

The retirement is assuming the proportions of a rout. Seventeen Divisions comprise the army of von Arnim. Military observers here believe that Gen. von Arnim will have extreme difficulty in extricating himself from the position. It is held that he remained too long against all strategic and military laws, when he was outflanked and virtually surrounded.

Resistance by the Germans is crumbling all along the battlefront except in the region of the Argonne and Northern Champagne. There American troops under Gens. Liggett, Cameron and Bullard and French troops under Gen. Gouraud are engaged in desperate fighting.

The Prussian Guards, ceding ground inch by inch, are dying but not surrendering in an effort to save their right

PARIS, Oct. 17 (United Press).—A complete breakthrough has been effected by the Allies in the Germans' second defense line in Belgium, according to battlefront despatches received here to-day. Dense masses of cavalry are pouring through the breach and are reported to have advanced nine miles.

[The break-through probably was in the region of Thielt, where Belgian cavalry is reported to have entered that city. An additional advance of nine miles in this vicinity would carry the Allied cavalry to Nevele, only six miles southwest of Ghent. If the breach was made further south it would bring the Allies within two miles of Audenarde, while if it were to the northward the Allies will have reached the outskirts of Bruges.]

The British captured Courtrai after violent street fighting, according to the Petit Journal.

Belgian cavalry has penetrated Thielt, it was announced here to-day.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FLANDERS, Oct. 17 (Reuter's). -Belgian and French troops, pivoting on Lombaertzyde, early to-day began to push steadily northward toward the Belgian Coast.

Courtral as the pivot. The northern retirement extends from Ostend southward, while the other affects the industrial area of Northern France.

The only point on the northern front where the Germans are resisting is at Courtrai.

WITH THE ALLIED FORCES IN FLANDERS, Oct. 17 (Associated Press.)-The allied infantry in the centre of the advance against the retreating Germans on this front was reported to-day to have re-established contact with the fleeing enemy. It is considered that if the present during the day rate of advance is sustained the Belgian coast should be free of the Germans within a very few days.

LONDON, Oct. 17 (Associated Press.)-Belgian forces have made progress in the region north of Thourout.

to the War Office. Over twenty villages were captured by the allied forces in Belgium

GERMANS ABANDONING LILLE SEND PEOPLE TO MEET BRITISH; FAIL TO BURN OR WRECK CITY

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FLANDERS, Oct. 17 (Reuter's) ... The Germans on leaving Lille, which was captured to-day by the British, did not set fire to the buildings or cause any explosions.

At 4 o'clock this morning the German commandant at Lille ordered all he inhabitants of the city to assemble as promptly as possible. As they hurried through the gloom of the streets they observed the garrison marching out. They were told to go out to the British lines and meet their friends. Then came the rythmic tramp of infantry, which gradually died away, The Germans had departed from Lille.

At dawn a British airman flying over the city beheld a most amazing sight. The streets were througed with civilians who were frantically waving handkerchiefs and shawls. Not a soldier could be seen. The aviator quickly turned and carried the news back to the British lines. Patrols advanced immediately and entered the city.

The Germans are carrying out a double retirement in Flanders with German Vandals Ordered to Stop by Army Command, Says Report

MSTERDAM, Oct. 17 (Associated Press) .- The German army command, according to a builetin issued by the Rotterdam Courant to-day, has ordered its armies to cease devastating places unless absolutely compelled to do so by military necessity.

Belgian, British and French troops advanced in a series of brilliant assaults over a front of 31 miles to an average depth of more than three and a half miles. Crossing the Year north of Dixmude the Belgians occupied Schooreek. They also captured Thourout and the British crossed British forces entered Courtrai during yesterday's fighting, according the Lys and captured Menin, pushing past several kilometres. The French captured Lichtervelde and Ardoye.

WITH THE ALLIED ARMIES IN BELGIUM, Wednesday, Oct. 1.